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# PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS & GRAIN STOCKS

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## PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

Kansas growers expect to plant 19.6 million acres to the four major crops (wheat, sorghum, corn, and soybeans), up 2 percent from 2005. **Wheat** seeded in the fall of 2005 totaled 10.2 million acres, unchanged from the December forecast but up 2 percent from the previous year.

**Sorghum** acreage expected to be planted, at 2.80 million acres, is up 2 percent from a year ago. **Corn** planting intentions totaled 3.35 million, down 8 percent from the 2005 acreage. **Soybean** planted acreage is expected to be 3.20 million acres, up 10 percent from last year and , if realized, a new record high. **Oat** seedings are expected to be up 10 percent from 2005 at 110,000 acres. **Barley** seedings, at 20,000 acres, are up from the 19,000 acres planted in 2005.

**Sunflower** acreage to be planted, at 195,000 acres, is down 35 percent from last year. Oil-type varieties account for 180,000 of the sunflower acreage while non-oil, or confectionary, varieties make up the balance of 15,000 acres. **Dry beans**, at 14,000 acres, are up 1,000 acres from the previous year. **All hay** for harvest, at 2.90 million acres, is unchanged from 2005. **Cotton** is expected to be planted on 100,000 acres, up 26,000 acres from last year, also a new record, if realized.

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## GRAIN STOCKS

Kansas **wheat** stocks in all positions totaled 122.3 million bushels on March 1, down 40 percent from December 2005 and 3 percent less than last March. Wheat stored in off-farm locations (mills, elevators, warehouses, and processors) totaled 115.8 million bushels and accounted for 95 percent of the total. On-farm stocks totaled 6.5 million bushels, compared with 11.0 million bushels last March.

**Sorghum grain** in all positions totaled 97.6 million bushels, down 41 percent from December 2005 and 16 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 83.6 million bushels and on-farm stocks totaled 14.0 million bushels.

Kansas **corn** stocks in all locations, at 239.4 million bushels, were down 31 percent from December but 16 percent above last March. Off-farm stocks, at 156.4 million bushels, accounted for 65 percent of the total corn stocks. On-farm stocks, at 83.0 million bushels, were up 28 percent from the 2005 March stocks.

Kansas **soybeans** in all locations totaled 59.5 million bushels, down 35 percent from December but 26 percent above the March 2005 level. Off-farm stocks, at 39.5 million bushels, were up 22 percent from last year and accounted for 66 percent of the total soybean stocks. On-farm stocks, at 20.0 million bushels, were up from 15.0 million last year.